

Behavioral and Social Research Program

Other Research Grants

Award Mechanisms of Other Research Grants

- R13 – Scientific Meeting Grant
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Grant: 1R13AG023033-01
Program Director: STAHL, SIDNEY M.
Principal Investigator: FRANK, JANET C PHD
Title: Minority Faculty Development in Aging Research Confere
Institution: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES LOS ANGELES, CA
Project Period: 2003/09/30-2007/08/31

DESCRIPTION (provided by applicant): The proposed annual conferences, The Minority Faculty Development in Aging Research Conference Series, are designed to provide a forum for the scientific advancement of faculty development processes and tools developed by the NIA Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMARs), the NIA Pepper Centers, the NIA Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers, the NIA Roybal Centers; and other national center programs, such as EXCEED and EXPORT, that share common missions. The Series will be managed by the UCLA National RCMAR Coordinating Center (CC), which brings considerable expertise in faculty development programs and conference management. Four years of funding for the annual conferences is being requested, to span the current funding cycle of the RCMAR CC. The Planning Committee for the Series is chaired by James S. Jackson, PhD, a renowned leader in minority aging research and an experienced director in minority faculty development training. The annual conferences will be linked to the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Scientific Meetings, and an established successful collaboration for two previous pre-conferences on minority aging research content. Addressing health disparities is a national priority, and increasing the cadre of qualified minority faculty in aging research is seen as one important avenue to improve health disparities research. The RCMARs, and other national programs, have been challenged to develop processes and tools to improve minority faculty in aging research by identifying and addressing the challenges and barriers for academic advancement and independent research success of minority and women faculty. This conference series provides an important forum for sharing across RCMARs and other NIA-sponsored programs with this common mission. Each annual conference will address a critical theme in minority faculty development, guided by scientific literature and the expertise and experience of the planning committee. The theme for the first one-day program in the series proposed for the 2003 GSA Pre-conference is "Maximizing Minority Faculty Success through Mentoring" to be held in San Diego, CA.

Grant: 5R13AG018327-04
Program Director: SHRESTHA, LAURA B.
Principal Investigator: GOLDMAN, DANA P PHD
Title: RAND MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL SCIENTISTS
Institution: RAND CORPORATION SANTA MONICA, CA
Project Period: 2000/09/15-2005/08/31

If awarded, this conference grant would support a MiniMed School for Social Scientists as a forum to help social scientists learn, understand, and interpret medical knowledge relevant to their research. Each year, MiniMed would invite eight speakers and 15 participants for two days of lecturers on biomedical topics. Another 30 participants would be invited with their own funding (with meals and supplemental materials provided by the conference). The conferences would be held each Summer from 2000 to 2004 at the RAND facilities in Santa Monica. The award would support staff time devoted to organizing MiniMed each year and related support. Because of the importance of MiniMed to RAND's mission, RAND would also share part of the funding costs.

Grant: 1R13AG021466-01A1
Program Director: PATMIOS, GEORGEANNE
Principal Investigator: HORIUCHI, SHIRO PHD
Title: INCREASING LONGEVITY: CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES AND PROSPECTS
Institution: ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY NEW YORK, NY
Project Period: 2003/07/01-2004/06/30

DESCRIPTION (provided by applicant): This is an application for funds to support a scientific meeting organized by the Laboratory of Populations at the Rockefeller University and the Committee on Longevity and Health of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), in collaboration with United Nations Population Division. This meeting will focus on the increase in human longevity, in particular, the lengthening of survival at old ages. A substantial decline in old-age mortality started in many economically developed countries during the third quarter of the twentieth century, and increased the oldest-old population. The objective of this meeting is to review and discuss latest empirical findings and theories about trends, causes, differentials and future prospects of the longevity expansion, as well as the quality of life of the oldest old, thereby stimulating and encouraging further investigation. Although the decline of old-age mortality has been widely publicized as a demographic fact, our understanding of why the decline has occurred is limited. It is possible to develop a long list of factors that might have contributed to the lengthening of old-age survival, but relative importance of those factors and causal pathways through which many of the factors exerted their effects remain unclear. This meeting will discuss (1) recent trends of old-age mortality decline and old-age health improvement, (2) major causes of the old-age mortality decline, (3) future prospects of old-age mortality decline, and (4) well-being of the oldest old in the context of old-age survival expansion. This meeting will be held at the Rockefeller University in the New York City on October 20-22, 2003. 27 papers will be presented in three days and selected papers will be edited and compiled for publication.

Grant: 1R13CA103860-01
Program Director: STAHL, SIDNEY M.
Principal Investigator: KAELEBER, CHARLES T
Title: Conferenc Spirituality/Helth/Well-Being/Service Delivery
Institution: INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THE ROCKVILLE, MD
INTEGRATION
Project Period: 2003/04/15-2004/03/31

DESCRIPTION (provided by applicant): This is a grant application is for a research conference on integrating spirituality to health care and social services. The conference, which is schedule for April 1-3, 2003, at the Natcher Conference Center on the NIH campus, will present research-based information on the relationship between spirituality and health and well-being both to the public as well as attendees from NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices, and other government agencies who are involved in healthcare research or service delivery. It will also provide Category 1 Continuing Medical Education for professionals attending the conference. The results of the conference will be disseminated in proceedings that will be distributed in paper and electronic format. Audiocassettes and conference abstracts will be provided at the conference.

Grant: 1R13AG023011-01
Program Director: STAHL, SIDNEY M.
Principal Investigator: MEHROTRA, CHANDRA M PHD
Title: Increasing Aging Research by Social Work Faculty
Institution: COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA DULUTH, MN
Project Period: 2003/09/30-2006/08/31

DESCRIPTION (provided by applicant): The proposed program has been designed to increase the national capacity for conducting high quality aging research in social work, thereby enhancing the health status of older adults. Thirty junior and mid-career faculty from bachelor's and master's programs in social work will receive advanced training with the goal of enhancing their ability to develop an active research agenda and integrating teaching and research on aging in their curriculum. We are committed to attracting and retaining a critical mass of women, minorities, and disabled faculty members. Program objectives include: (1) to increase social work faculty's knowledge, skills, and motivation for pursuing an active program of aging research. (2) To provide participants an opportunity to interact intensively with senior investigators and to promote the development of networking relationships among them. (3) To increase participants' awareness of NIA support available for conducting social work research in aging. (4) To increase the number of strong grant applications that social work faculty submit to the National Institute on Aging. The program will be promoted through a collaborative liaison with the Society for Social Work Research, Council for Social Work Education, and Gerontological Society of America. Program design includes an initial institute, ongoing consultation during the intervening year, a mid-year meeting, and a follow-up institute. Topics include Research Design, Measurement, and Analysis (Aloen Townsend), Evaluation of Interventions (Susan Hughes), Elder Mistreatment (Gregory Paveza), Caregiving and Disabilities (Marsha Seltzer), Ethnicity and Aging (Peggye Dilworth-Anderson), Preparing Grant Applications (Chandra Mehrotra), and NIA Support Available for Aging Research (NIA staff). A systematic evaluation will be conducted to monitor implementation of proposed activities and to determine their effectiveness in achieving the intended outcomes. The co-directors and the participants will disseminate their NIA-supported activities via conference presentations, publications, and Web sites.

Grant: 1R13AG022436-01
Program Director: STAHL, SIDNEY M.
Principal Investigator: MORGAN, RUSSELL E DPH
Title: Computer-Based Technology & Caregiving for Older Adults
Institution: SETTING PRIORITIES/RETIREMENT YRS FND WASHINGTON, DC
Project Period: 2003/09/01-2004/08/31

DESCRIPTION (provided by applicant): The conference entitled Computer-based Technology and Caregiving for Older Adults will focus on the role that technologies such as the Internet, sensors, robotics and others can play in the home care of older adults. The conference will bring together researchers and practitioners in the aging network to learn about current and proposed care giving technologies, issues involved in the use of such technologies, and research priorities for studying the use of computer-based technologies in care giving settings. The conference is the third in a series of conferences coordinated by the SPRY Foundation on the role of technology in supporting improved quality of health for older adults and caregivers. Outcomes of the conference will include a compendium of the state of the art in computer-based technologies for care giving, as well as conference proceedings and a journal article.

Grant: 5R13AG020144-02
Program Director: STAHL, SIDNEY M.
Principal Investigator: PRUCHNO, RACHEL A MA
Title: Science and Ethics of Aging Well
Institution: BOSTON COLLEGE CHESTNUT HILL, MA
Project Period: 2002/09/01-2005/08/31

DESCRIPTION (provided by applicant): As our society continues to age, it struggles with a host of ethical issues with which previous generations were never confronted. Included are decisions about the extent to which succeeding generations should be responsible for one another, how care is provided and how decisions about end of life care are made, and how advances in genetic technology influence the kinds of lives we lead. This application requests support for three conferences designed to advance interdisciplinary research on aging and ethics. By providing a forum for scientists from diverse backgrounds and ethicists who are committed to understanding the intersection of aging and ethics to gather, a unique opportunity would exist for stimulating critical thinking, defining the salient questions that remain unanswered, and crafting the foundation for the next generation of empirical research studies to be conducted. Each conference would have an applied focus as it struggles with a major issue at the intersection of aging and ethics. Conference topics would include: (1) Responsibility and community across the generations, (2) End of life, and (3) Aging, genetic technology, and the future. Invited presenters would come from disciplines including, but not limited to, philosophy, ethics, theology, gerontology, sociology, anthropology, psychology, medicine, and law. Commissioned papers would have as their goal generating discussion and new empirical research based on theoretical and empirical knowledge bases. The proceedings from each of the conferences would form the basis of an edited volume.

Grant: 1R13HD044457-01
Program Director: ELIAS, JEFFREY W.
Principal Investigator: REZNICK, J STEVEN PHD
Title: Cognitive Development Society Meetings 2003,2005 & 2007
Institution: UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CHAPEL CHAPEL HILL, NC
HILL
Project Period: 2003/06/04-2007/12/31

DESCRIPTION (provided by applicant): The Cognitive Development Society, founded in 1999, has quickly emerged as an important asset in the field of cognitive development. Our first two biennial meetings (one held in Chapel Hill, NC in 1999, and the other in Virginia Beach, VA in 2001) each attracted over 300 participants. At each meeting there was a strong cohort of senior researchers from the US and abroad interested in the study of cognitive development from various perspectives, as well as an equal number of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, mostly from the US. The goal of the Cognitive Development Society meetings has been to enhance scientific progress in the understanding of cognitive development by updating researchers' awareness of new developments in the field, fostering debate on relevant topics, teaching new methodological and statistical skills, and encouraging broad applications to the health, education, and welfare of children and adolescents. All indications are that we have succeeded. Systems are now in place to insure the quality and significance of the Cognitive Development Society meetings in future years, but our long-term planning requires a continued backbone of assured financial support. The present request is for funds to support our meetings in 2003, 2005, and 2007.

Grant: 1R13HD045300-01
Program Director: PATMIOS, GEORGEANNE
Principal Investigator: ROGERS, ANDREI PHD
Title: Conference on the Indirect Estimation of Migration
Institution: UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER BOULDER, CO
Project Period: 2003/09/15-2005/08/31

DESCRIPTION (provided by applicant): This conference on methods for the indirect estimation of migration will be convened to bring together in Colorado an international network of collaborating scholars in order to launch an international comparative assessment of new methods for inferring place-to-place migration flows in settings where such data are inadequate, incomplete, or unavailable. The term "indirect estimation" is used in demography to describe inferential techniques that produce estimates of a certain variable on the basis of data that may only be indirectly related to its value. With the future elimination of the "long form" questionnaire from U.S. decennial censuses and its replacement by a smaller continuous monthly sampling survey, students of U.S. territorial mobility will at times find it necessary to deal with inadequate, missing, or possibly inaccurate "small sample" data on migration by adopting such indirect methods of estimation. The countries to be represented at the proposed conference are: Australia, Canada, Italy, the United States, Brazil, Indonesia, and Mexico.

Grant: 5R13AG009787-13

Program Director: ELIAS, JEFFREY W.

Principal Investigator: SCHAIE, K W
PHD GEN/EXP
PSYCH:GEN/EXPER PSYCHOL-
UNSPEC

Title: CONFERENCE - STRUCTURE AND AGING

Institution: PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY-UNIV UNIVERSITY PARK, PA
PARK

Project Period: 1996/08/01-2005/08/31

DESCRIPTION (provided by applicant): This proposal requests funds to continue a series of conferences designed to explore the interfaces between disciplines concerned with the study of social macro- and micro-structures, and those disciplines specifically concerned with the investigation of individual differences in human aging processes. Prior conferences have addressed Social Structure and Aging topics: Psychological Processes (1986); Age Structures in Cultural Perspective (1987); Self-directedness and Efficacy: Causes and Effects Throughout the Life Course (1988); Aging, Health Behaviors and Health Outcomes (1989); Social Structures and Caregiving: Family and Cross National Perspectives (1990); Societal Impact on Aging: Historical Perspectives (1991); Social Structure and Aging: Intergenerational Perspectives (1992); Societal Mechanisms that Maintain Individual Competence (1993); Impact of Social Structures on Decision Making in the Elderly (1994); Impact of the Workplace on the Aging Individual (1995); Mobility and Aging (1997); Impact of Society on the Aging Self (1998); Social Structures and Effective Health Behaviors (1999); Mastery and Control in the Elderly (2000); and Impact of Technology and Successful Aging (2001). A sixteenth conference on the topic of Impact of Religious Organizations on Health and Well-being in the Elderly to be held in 2002 is in preparation. The proposed conferences will address: Impact of Historical Events on the Elderly, (2003; Glen Elder, co-chair); Social Structures, Aging and Self Regulation in the Elderly (2004; Laura Carstensen, co,chair); and Impact of Demographic Changes on Health and Well-being tin the Elderly (2005, Peter Uhlenberg, co-chair). Each proposed conference will involve 18 invited participants and up to 100 observers. Papers and discussions will be published in volumes edited by the conference organizers of the respective "Societal Impacts on Aging" series.

Grant: 5R13AG011570-11
Program Director: PATMIOS, GEORGEANNE
Principal Investigator: WISE, DAVID A PHD
Title: SUMMER INSTITUTE WORKSHOP IN AGING AND HEALTH CARE
Institution: NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH CAMBRIDGE, MA
Project Period: 1993/07/10-2004/06/30

The NBER Summer Institute workshop on the Economics of Aging is a five-day workshop held in late-July each year, bringing together about 100 scholars who have a common interest in economic analyses of aging and health care issues. The workshop in aging has been held annually since 1986, and the National Institute on Aging has provided partial support for the program since 1993. While a large part of the funding for the Summer Institute comes from other NBER resources, the NIA funding has been targeted toward the objective of expanding and diversifying the participant group. This larger group has included scholars engaged in aging-related research in other countries, scholars from research backgrounds other than economics (such as sociology, demography, epidemiology, and clinical medicine), investigators from other NIA-supported research centers, and new research fellows who have developed a research agenda in aging. The broader participation made possible with NIA support has had an important role in enriching the overall program. This application would extend this targeted NIA funding from 1999 through 2003, enabling the program to continue to support a broad group of scholars engaged in research in aging. The first workshop would take place during the week of July 26-30, 1999 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. As in past years, we expect a program of about 100 participants. The full organizational costs of the program, as well as the meeting and group meal expenses of the Summer Institute will be supported with other NBER resources. NIA support is requested for the travel expenses of 30 participants, targeted toward individuals who will diversify the participant group. At least ten of those supported with NIA funds will be scholars engaged in aging-related research in other countries.

Grant: 5U13AG014120-06
Program Director: ELIAS, JEFFREY W.
Principal Investigator: MEHROTRA, CHANDRA M PHD
Title: BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS IN PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING
Institution: COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA DULUTH, MN
Project Period: 1998/02/15-2003/11/30

The program has been designed to further increase the national capacity for conducting high quality .aging research, thereby enhancing the health status of older adults. Thirty psychology faculty will receive advanced training in research methodology in order to build a community of college teachers committed to developing an active research agenda and to integrating teaching and research in aging. Specific objectives include: 1) increasing psychology faculty's knowledge, skills, and motivation for pursuing an ongoing program of aging research, 2) providing participants an opportunity to interact intensively with senior investigators and to promote the development of networking relationships among them, 3) increasing participants'awareness of grant support available for exploring new directions in aging research and providing them extended opportunities to interact with NIA program staff, 4) increasing the number of strong research proposals that participants submit to the National Institute on Aging. Program design includes an initial two-week institute, ongoing consultation regarding proposal development, a February working session, and a summer follow-up institute. Topics covered include: Research Design & Analysis (K. Warner Schaie); Issues in Conducting Field Studies (Neil Charness); Evaluation of Interventions (Margaret Gatz); Assessing Older Adults (M. Powell Lawton); Conducting Research with African American Elders (Keith Whitfield); and Seeking Grant Support (NIA Staff). In order to promote dissemination of program content and outcomes, faculty will be invited to contribute to a special theme issue of Educational Gerontology focusing on methodological issues in aging research. The program will be promoted through a collaborative liaison with the American Psychological Association, through a linkage with the Resource Center for Minority Aging Research, through contacts with other professional organizations, and through networking activities of past participants and visiting professors.

Grant: 3U13AG014120-06S1
Program Director: ELIAS, JEFFREY W.
Principal Investigator: MEHROTRA, CHANDRA M PHD
Title: Building a Community of Scholars in Psychology of Aging
Institution: COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA DULUTH, MN
Project Period: 1998/02/15-2004/11/30

DESCRIPTION (provided by applicant): This application has been designed to address the continuing need to expand the pool of investigators engaged in aging research and to nurture the untapped potential of junior and mid-career psychology faculty from colleges and universities across the country. By further increasing the national capacity for conducting high quality aging research, the proposed program will significantly enhance the health status of older adults. Fifteen psychology faculty will receive advanced training in research methodology in order to build a community of college teachers committed to developing an active research agenda and to integrating teaching and research in aging. Specific objectives include: (1) increasing participants' knowledge, skills, and motivation for pursuing an ongoing program of aging research; (2) providing participants an opportunity to interact intensively with each other, senior investigators, and members of previous cohorts and to promote the development of networking relationships among them; (3) increasing participants' awareness of grant support available for exploring new directions in aging research and providing them extended opportunities to interact with NIA program staff; and (4) increasing the number of strong research proposals that are submitted to the National Institute on Aging. The program will be promoted through a collaborative liaison with the American Psychological Association. Program design includes an initial two-week institute, ongoing consultation during the academic year, a mid-year meeting, and a summer follow-up institute. Topics include: Research Design & Analysis (K. Warner Schaie); Conducting Research with African American Elders (Keith Whitfield); Field Studies (Neil Charness); Cognitive Aging (Timothy Salthouse); Social Psychological Aging (Fredda Blanchard-Fields); Conducting Research in Teaching-Oriented Institutions (Chandra Mehrotra); Publication and Dissemination (Margaret Gatz); and Seeking Grant Support (Charness, Mehrotra, and NIA staff). A systematic evaluation will be conducted to determine the effectiveness of the program in achieving the intended outcomes. In order to promote dissemination of program content, faculty will be invited to contribute to a special theme issue of Educational Gerontology focusing on methodological issues in aging research. The PI and the participants will also disseminate their NIA-supported activities via conference presentations, publications, and Web sites.

Grant: 5U13AG019236-02
Program Director: ELIAS, JEFFREY W.
Principal Investigator: MEHROTRA, CHANDRA M PHD
Title: Promoting Social Psychological Aging Research
Institution: COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA DULUTH, MN
Project Period: 2002/02/01-2005/01/31

DESCRIPTION (provided by applicant): The proposed program is designed to increase the national capacity for conducting high quality research in social psychological aging, thereby enhancing the health status of older adults. Twelve senior faculty will receive advanced training with the goal of enhancing their ability to develop an active research agenda and integrating teaching and research on aging in their curricula. Program objectives include: (1) to increase participants knowledge, skills, and motivation for developing and/or expanding a program of research in social psychological aging; (2) to engage social psychology faculty in developing aging research projects in collaboration with each other and with distinguished scholars in aging; and (3) to increase participants awareness of grant support available for exploring new directions in aging research and to provide them with extended opportunities to interact with NIA staff. Program design includes an initial workshop in August 2002, ongoing consultation regarding application development during the intervening year, and an August 2003 follow-up meeting. Topics include: Conceptual Interface between Research in Social Psychology and Aging; Methodological Issues; Multi-Level Integrative Analysis of Human Behavior; Conducting Research in Social Psychology and Aging; and Seeking Grant Support from NIA. The program will be promoted through a liaison with the American Psychological Association, linkages with leaders in the social psychology community, contacts with Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and announcements in a variety of publications and list-servs. Ongoing evaluation will be conducted to monitor the implementation of proposed activities and to determine their effectiveness in achieving the expected outcomes. This information will be included in presentations that the principal investigator will give at national meetings.